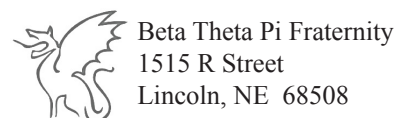




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CONTINUED SUCCESS AT 172ND CONVENTION

This Summer, the 172nd General Convention of Beta Theta Pi was held in the Seattle, Washington area from July 27th-July 31st. Convention was held in the Bellevue Regency Hyatt, and apart from the Convention activities, it also featured a tour of a Boeing facility, an excursion to historic Pike Place Market, and a ticket to a Seattle Mariners game.



Brothers Siebert, Johns, Dowd, Mumaugh, Salistean, and Bloom (from left to right) after receiving the John Reilly Knox and Francis Sisson awards

Chapter President Andrew Dowd (AT 2225) attended as the Chapter delegate, but was joined by brothers Kurt Siebert, Andrew Johns, Michael Mumaugh, Adam Salistean, and J.R. Bloom, who all attended the Peter F. Greiner Leadership College, the Convention's sessions required for all non-delegate undergraduates.

Though the activities of the Convention were a lot of fun, President Dowd admitted that the three day trip wouldn't be complete without bringing the fraternity's highest annual chapter distinction, the John Reilly Knox award, back to Lincoln. The announcement of the Knox award is an exciting time of the year for us all.

On the third and final night of the Convention, Alpha Tau received both the Francis Sisson and the John Reilly Knox award, along with fifteen other chapters. It was Alpha Tau's tenth Knox award, the most of any Beta chapter in the eleven years of this distinction; signifying how Alpha Tau has continued to be at the forefront of Beta Theta Pi's chapters in the past decade, an accomplishment we all expect will be retained in the current decade, and many years to come.



This image is Beta Theta Pi's new administrative logo, announced this summer at the 172nd general convention, and released on August 8th, 2011.

ALPHA TAU

SOCIAL MEDIA

You can now stay connected and updated with the Alpha Tau chapter through social media!

You can "like" us on Facebook (Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Chapter) and follow us on twitter (@AlphaTauChapter).

Also, we highly recommend you join our LinkedIn group (Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Chapter), where you can network with other chapter alumni!

The Alpha Tau chapter would like to thank Mark Antonson (AT 2103) for creating these social media pages and groups, and for all he has done for our chapter's technological advancement and upkeep.

PLEDGE CLASS 2011

As we begin another school year, 27 new pledges are roaming the halls of Alpha Tau. The chapter has full confidence in these young men's potential to make great Betas.

At this time we would also like to extend a thank you to alumni Bill Dana and Norm Hedgecock for allowing the use of their lakehouses for rush events, as well as to families of actives Dan Gillespie, Grant Fehr, Nolan Johnson, and Steven Ebers for hosting rush events at their homes this Summer.

This year's pledge educator is Michael Mumaugh. The following young men are the 2011 pledge class, recruited by Jake Hedgecock, Cheney Neesen, and Kyle King:

Adam Aldana--Nebraska City Lourdes
*Austin Blankenau--Lincoln Southwest
*Ryan Bohling--Lincoln Southeast
Josh Burks--Pius X High School
Kevin Creal--Lincoln Southeast
Cody Elmore--Bryant, Arkansas
Zach Foster--Papillion La Vista South
Grant Garrison--Papillion La Vista
*John Haslam--Scottsbluff Senior High
Matt Hedrick--Granger, Iowa
Kyle Hertig--Scottsbluff Senior High
Ben Joekel--Omaha Burke
Kyle Kaluza--Ralston High
Devin Larsen--Omaha Burke

Aaron Matzke--Lincoln East
Rhett Muller--Skutt Catholic
Ryan Newsham--Lincoln Southwest
Michael Nordell--Lincoln Southwest
Matt Ober--Lincoln Southwest
Kevan Reardon--Parkville, Missouri
Connor Schulte--Lincoln Southwest
*Thomas Showers--Milwaukee, Wisconsin
*Ben Slaby--Lincoln East
*Dayton Stange--Lincoln Southeast
Joel Vrana--Millard West
John Westerfield--Papillion La Vista
John Wurtele--Nebraska City High

*-Indicates Legacy Status

ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN SPRING 2011

Eager to keep the streak alive after last Fall's 3.516 GPA put Beta on top of all University of Nebraska fraternities, we are proud to report that Beta is top of the charts yet again for last Spring.

Our GPA for Spring 2011 was a 3.459, atop 2nd place Farmhouse by .052. Though our grades and margin of victory were slightly down from the Fall of 2010, we are still very proud of our chapter's accomplishment to hold such a high GPA, moving toward the Men of Principle goal and Beta core value of the Cultivation of the Intellect. We look to repeat for a third semester after the Fall 2011 semester is over.

BETA BURRITO BASH

Alpha Tau's annual philanthropy, Beta Burrito Bash, will be held on Thursday, November 10th, 2011 from 8 PM to 2 AM at our chapter house, 1515 R Street. We encourage all alumni and their families to attend this event! Tickets may be purchased at the door, and there will be all-you-can-eat chipotle-style burritos! If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting our wonderful cook Faith Jensen and tasting her cooking, this is your opportunity.

This year, the chapter is proud to announce that it has decided that Beta Burrito Bash will benefit a local cause, Lincoln Lighthouse, founded by chapter brother Pete Allman (AT 1482).

Lincoln Lighthouse is an afterschool program for at-risk youth that provides academic support, evening meals, and recreational activities during after school hours from Monday to Friday, year round. Their primary goal is to focus on fostering good relationships with the kids to increase the likelihood of high school graduation. Lighthouse is celebrating twenty years of serving Lincoln's youth, and they have a wall of high school graduates to prove it.

Many Alpha Taus and pledges have found time throughout the busy Fall semester to volunteer at Lighthouse, and we are happy to benefit a great cause that we can all put a face with!

We will see you **Thursday, November 10th, from 8 PM to 2 AM at 1515 R Street.**



The t-shirt design for the 2011 Beta Burrito Bash. Picture drawn by Steven Ebers (AT 2220), shirt designed by freshman Cody Elmore.



Yours in __kai__,

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